



Coffee with Council – Public Outreach Meetings

May 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Panera - Hamilton Road

Topics of Discussion

Stormwater

- Existing retention basin and swale of concern.
 - Exact situation of property and Stormwater plan will be addressed.

Code Enforcement

- Discussion about brush pile and zoning compliance; how small does it have to be to keep it.
- Concerns were expressed about inconsistent fencing; residents have boats; it is difficult to drive down the street.
- Much Code Enforcement seems to be inconsistent.
 - Code Enforcement is difficult; only one code enforcement officer; Code structure may not be where it should be; residents encouraged to contact the City with concerns; are speeding up permit process.

Communication

- City staff is very nice, professional and responsive; can be difficult to get on agenda.
 - Residents were encouraged to bring any complaints or concerns to city staff or council members.

Infrastructure

- Concern that Parks & Recreation is getting too much attention while basic infrastructure is ignored.
 - City is prioritizing projects in the city, meeting requirements and trying to remedy issue and concerns.

Performance Measurements

- Performance Dashboard was distributed.
- City is compiling a list of items to be prioritized and taken care of in a reasonable manner; working toward making this data-gathering routine and more constant.
- Resident point out that spreadsheet indicates 1/3 of staff remaining from last two years in full-time staff.
 - Those numbers will be reviewed.

Suppliers, Inputs, Process, Outputs and Customers (SIPOC)

- This will give Council direction and make sure City is running as efficiently as possible.
- All documents discussed are on the website under sustainability.

Fire Station Funding

- Question was asked if city gives the fire station money.
 - All those funds come from property taxes on levies from Mifflin and Jefferson Township.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

- Question asked about TIF money and how it was distributed.

- TIF pays on improvements on base-line value moving forward; give the City incentive to bring in businesses; the agreements identify what the money is used for; without the TIF, those costs would come from the general fund; property taxes are still paid.

Miscellaneous

- Overall, residents said City runs well though did not like scare tactics to get higher taxes.
 - That is the purpose of these informal meetings; wanted to have candid conversations to make future decision; open dialogue; Council would like to know what residents want.
- Next meeting is May 24th; Clerk will send out notes and council agenda to residents that have been attending the meetings.
- Bar exams happen at Vet's Memorial; would like to accommodate them in Gahanna.
- Computer locks up when opening minutes or agendas; locking up, then need to reboot.